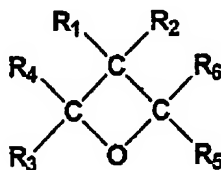


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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An actinic ray curable composition containing a photo acid generator, and an oxetane compound I of the following formula,



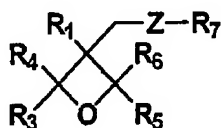
wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a fluoroalkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an allyl group, an aryl group, a furyl group or a thienyl group, provided that R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are not simultaneously hydrogen atoms, and wherein the longer C-O bond distance of the two C-O bond distances in the formula is from 0.1464 to 0.1500 nm, and wherein the composition has a viscosity at 25°C of from 7 to 50 mPa.s.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

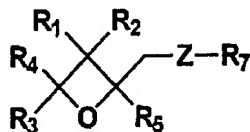
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3. (Previously Presented) The actinic ray curable composition of claim 1, wherein the composition further contains an oxetane compound II represented by formula 2, 3, 4 or 5 or an oxetane compound III represented by formula 6 or 7,

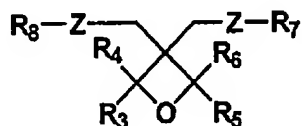
Formula 2



Formula 3

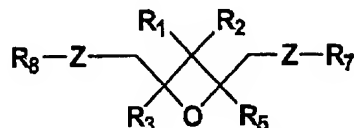


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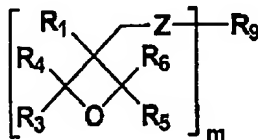
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Formula 5

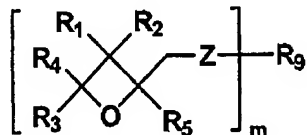


wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 independently represent a hydrogen atom or a substituent, and Z represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a divalent hydrocarbon group or a divalent hydrocarbon group in which an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom is intervened,

Formula 6



Formula 7

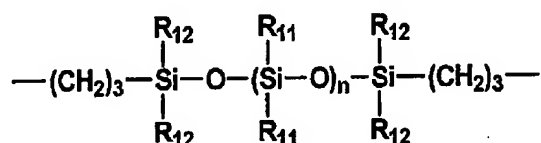


wherein R_1 through R_6 independently represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having a carbon atom number of from 1 to 6 such as a methyl group, an ethyl group, a propyl group or a butyl group, a fluoroalkyl group having a carbon atom

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number of from 1 to 6, an allyl group, an aryl group, or a furyl group; m is 2, 3 or 4; Z represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a divalent hydrocarbon group or a divalent hydrocarbon group in which an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom is intervened; and R₉ represents a straight chain or branched chain alkylene group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight chain or branched chain poly(alkylene oxy) group, or a divalent group selected from the group consisting of the following formula 9, 10 and 11,

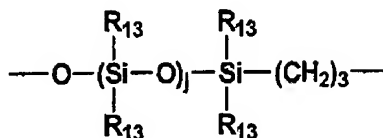
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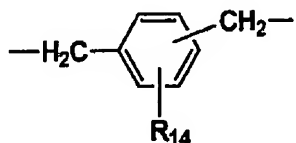
wherein n represents an integer of from 0 to 2000; R₁₁ represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms or a group represented by the following formula 12; and R₁₂ represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms,

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Formula 12

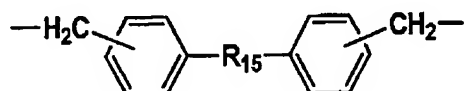


wherein j represents an integer of from 0 to 100; R_{13} represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms,
Formula 10



wherein R_{14} represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a mercapto group, an alkoxycarbonyl group or a carboxyl group,

Formula 11



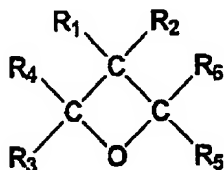
wherein R_{15} represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, ---NH--- , ---SO--- , $\text{---SO}_2\text{---}$, $\text{---(CH}_2\text{)---}$, $\text{---C(CH}_3\text{)}_2\text{---}$ or $\text{---(CF}_3\text{)}_2\text{---}$.

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4. (Original) The actinic ray curable composition of claim 1, wherein the composition further contains an oxirane compound having an oxirane ring.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) An actinic ray curable composition containing a photo acid generator, and an oxetane compound I' of the following formula,



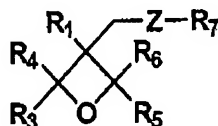
wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a fluoroalkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an allyl group, an aryl group, a furyl group or a thienyl group, provided that R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are not simultaneously hydrogen atoms, and wherein in the formula, the longer C-O bond distance of the two C-O bond distances is from 0.1435 to 0.1461 nm, and the oxygen atom has a charge of from -0.330 to -0.281, and wherein the composition has a viscosity at 25°C of from 7 to 50 mPa.s.

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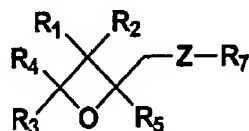
Claim 7 (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) The actinic ray curable composition of claim 6, wherein the composition further contains an oxetane compound II represented by formula 2, 3, 4 or 5 or an oxetane compound III represented by formula 6 or 7,

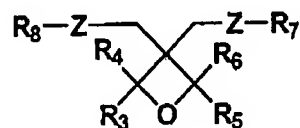
Formula 2



Formula 3

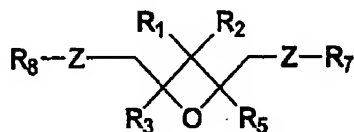


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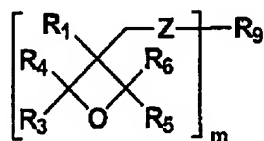
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Formula 5

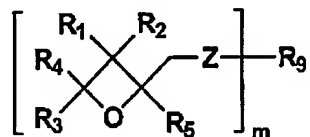


wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 independently represent a hydrogen atom or a substituent, and Z represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a divalent hydrocarbon group or a divalent hydrocarbon group in which an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom is intervened,

Formula 6



Formula 7

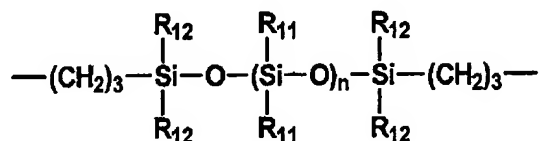


wherein R_1 through R_6 independently represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having a carbon atom number of from 1 to 6 such as a methyl group, an ethyl group, a propyl group or a butyl group, a fluoroalkyl group having a carbon atom

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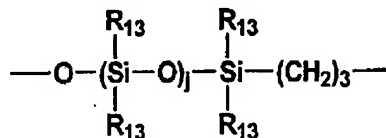
number of from 1 to 6, an allyl group, an aryl group, or a furyl group; m is 2, 3 or 4; Z represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a divalent hydrocarbon group or a divalent hydrocarbon group in which an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom is intervened; and R₉ represents a straight chain or branched chain alkylene group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight chain or branched chain poly(alkylene oxy) group, or a divalent group selected from the group consisting of the following formula 9, 10 and 11,

Formula 9



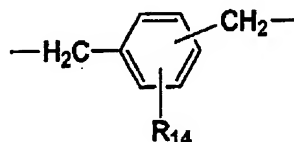
wherein n represents an integer of from 0 to 2000; R₁₁ represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms or a group represented by the following formula 12; and R₁₂ represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms,

Formula 12



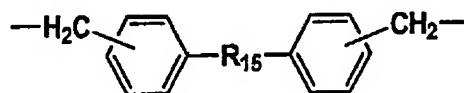
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wherein j represents an integer of from 0 to 100; R_{13} represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms,
Formula 10



wherein R_{14} represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a mercapto group, an alkoxycarbonyl group or a carboxyl group,

Formula 11



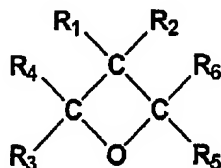
wherein R_{15} represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, -NH- , -SO- , $\text{-SO}_2\text{-}$, $\text{-(CH}_2\text{)-}$, $\text{-C(CH}_3\text{)}_2\text{-}$ or $\text{-(CF}_3\text{)}_2\text{-}$.

9. (Original) The actinic ray curable composition of claim 6, wherein the composition further contains an oxirane compound having an oxirane ring.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

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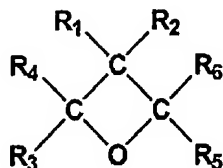
11. (Currently Amended) An actinic ray curable ink, containing pigment, a photo acid generator, and an oxetane compound I of the following formula,



wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a fluoroalkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an allyl group, an aryl group, a furyl group or a thienyl group, provided that R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₆ are not simultaneously hydrogen atoms, and wherein the longer C-O bond distance of the two C-O bond distances in the formula is from 0.1464 to 0.1500 nm, and wherein the composition has a viscosity at 25°C of from 7 to 50 mPa.s.

12. (Currently Amended) An actinic ray curable ink, containing pigment, a photo acid generator, and an oxetane compound I' of the following formula,

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wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , and R_6 independently represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a fluoroalkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an allyl group, an aryl group, a furyl group or a thienyl group, provided that R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , and R_6 are not simultaneously hydrogen atoms, and wherein in the formula, the longer C-O bond distance of the two C-O bond distances is from 0.1435 to 0.1461 nm, and the oxygen atom has a charge of from -0.330 to -0.281, and wherein the composition has a viscosity at 25°C of from 7 to 50 mPa·s.

Claim 13-20 (Cancelled).

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